

## REMARKS

The 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection is avoided in the newly presented claims by using the language suggested by the Examiner.

The Examiner indicated claim 4 as allowable if placed in independent form. This has been done as new claim 14 which is rewritten dependent claim 4, but with minor changes to improve readability. Also the operation number value "1" in previous claim 4 was changed to "i" to correspond to claim 4 as set forth in the German priority document.

Dependent claims 15-18 distinguish at least for the reasons claim 14 is allowable and also by reciting additional features not suggested.

Additional independent claims 19, 20, 21, and 24 are presented which incorporate the allowable subject matter of previous claim 4 and therefore are also allowable. Similarly, dependent claims 22-23 dependent on allowable claim 21 are allowable at least for the reasons claim 21 is allowable and also by reciting additional features is not suggested.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SCHIFF, HARDIN LLP  
**CUSTOMER NO. 26574**  
Patent Department  
6600 Sears Tower  
233 South Wacker Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
Telephone: 312/258-5786  
Attorneys for Applicant.

(Reg. 27,841)